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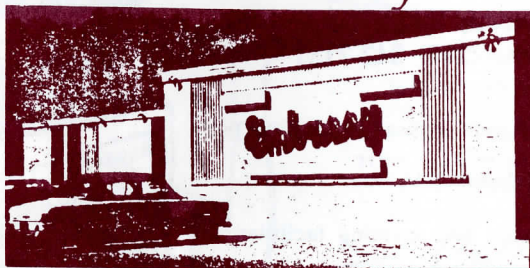
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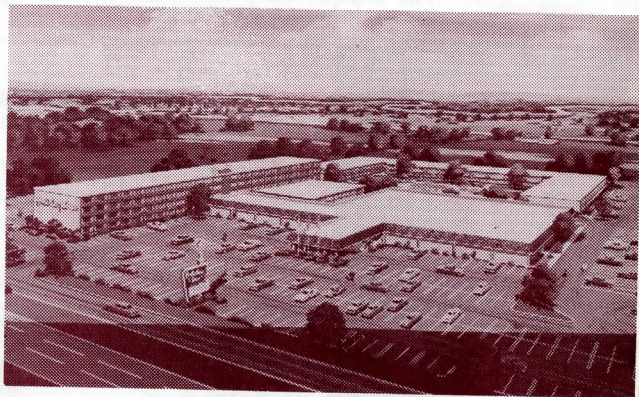
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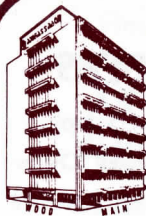
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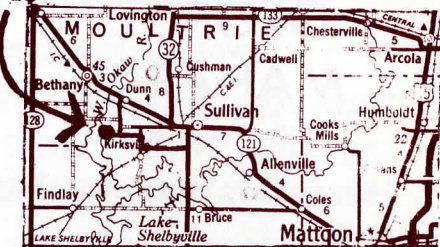


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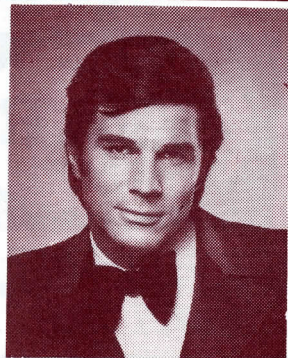
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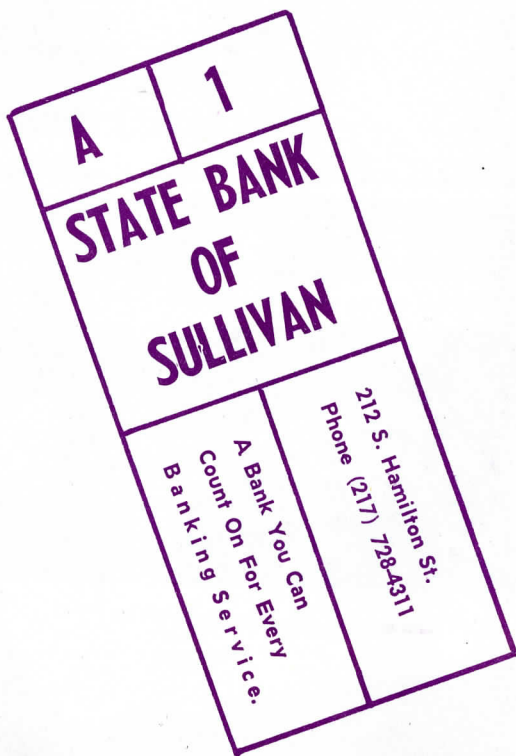
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ELWOOD SMITH became Musical Director at The Little Theatre-On The Square in 1960 and returns this season for his tenth time in that capacity. During recent years, Dr. Smith has been the opera coach at the Brevard Music Center and the opera and Choral Director at Northern Illinois University. "Woody"

holds his B.M. and his M.M. from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. and his doctorate in opera conducting from Indiana University. Dr. Smith spent a year in Germany, studying opera while on a Fulbright scholarship.

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<i>Our Language of Love</i>	Irma and Nestor
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<i>Le Grisbi is le Root of le Evil in Man</i>	Bob, Nestor and Mecs
<i>Wreck of a Mec</i>	Nestor
<i>That's a Crime</i>	Bob, Nestor and the Mecs

ACT II

<i>The Bridge of Coulaicourt (Reprise)</i>	Irma and Nestor
<i>From a Prison Cell</i>	Nestor and Men
<i>Irma-la-Douce</i>	Irma and Men
<i>There is Only One Paris for That</i>	Nestor, Mecs and Prisoners
<i>The Freedom of the Seas</i>	Nestor and Mecs
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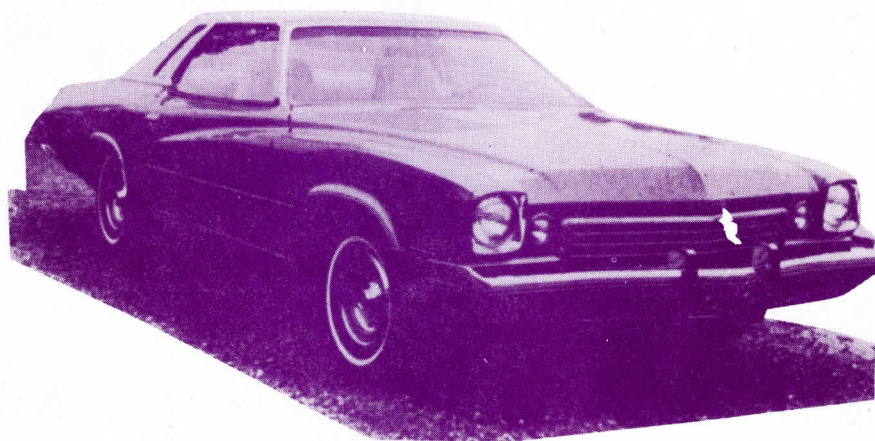
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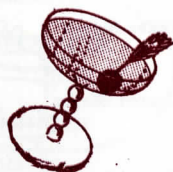
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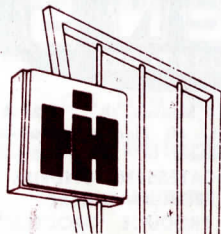
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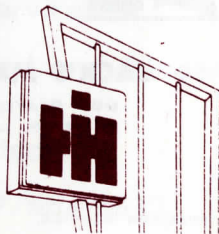
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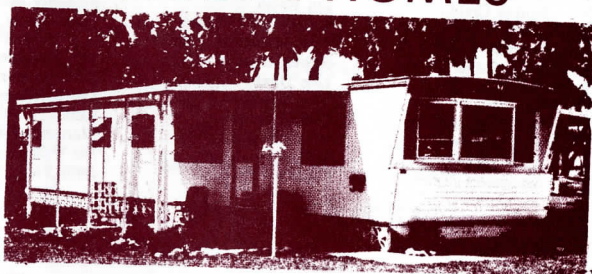
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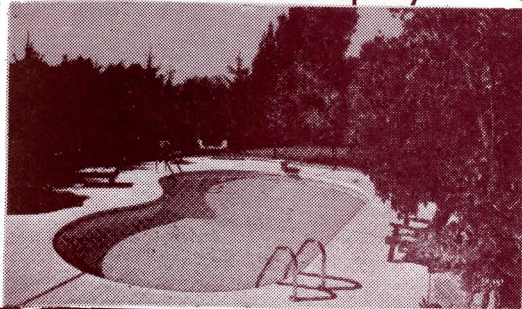


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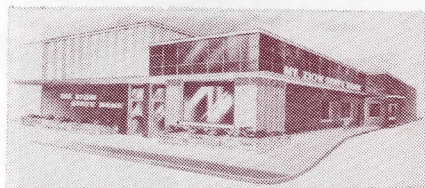
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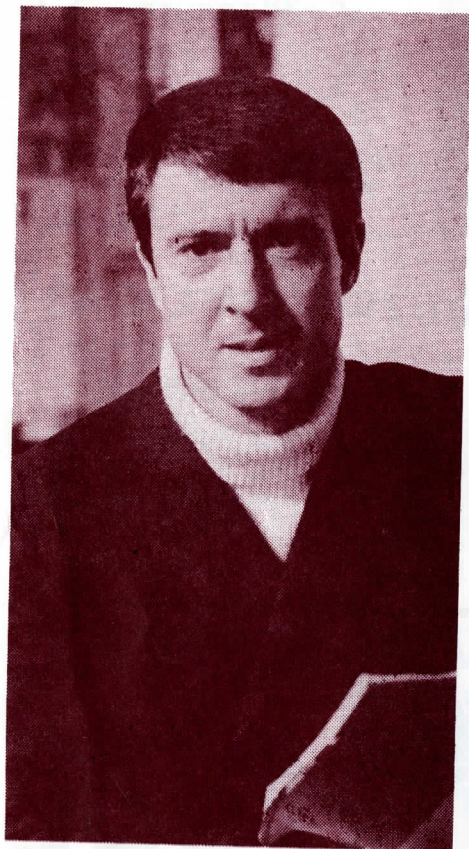
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Although Mr. Little was "new" in the position of being a producer, his educational and working background prepared him well for the purpose. While at the University of Miami, he spent three seasons with the

famed Miami Opera Guild, appearing in support of leading Metropolitan Opera singers. While still in high school, he completed three seasons as a performer and technician at leading theatres in the East. Now, after sixteen years, he has become a pivotal influence in the world of professional stock theatre and in the lives of hundreds of young theatre-minded aspirants. He has brought one hundred and eighty one major productions to Central Illinois audiences. From a total attendance in 1957 of 8,000, 1972 brought nearly 100,000 patrons to The Little Theatre-On The Square!

In addition to casting, staffing and producing all of the productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square, Mr. Little has presented musicals on tour throughout the Mid-west and has served as producer at the Sombra Playhouse in Phoenix and the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet. This past winter, Mr. Little served as Production Stage Manager at the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami for three months, working with Howard Keel, Frank Gorshin, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, and Shelley Winters. 1973 marks Mr. Little's 22nd year of working in professional theatre.

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Mr. Little has been blessed with a family, mother, father, wife and children who are all talented in varied fields. Mr. Little, Sr., actually is a Farm Manager although, he laughingly refers to himself as "a-dollar-a-year-man" as he goes about the duties of business manager for the theatre. Mrs. Little, Sr. has appeared in several earlier productions as well as handling the duties of box office manager. Jerill Little has appeared in over sixty productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square and is acclaimed in other leading theatres for starring roles. Vanessa has held her professional Actors' Equity Card for seven years and has appeared in many Sullivan productions and Sean has also been in many of the major shows and Children's Theatre productions.

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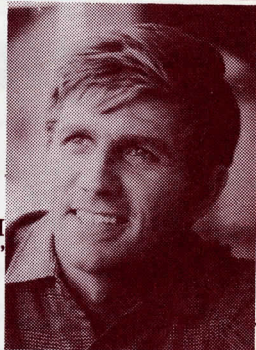
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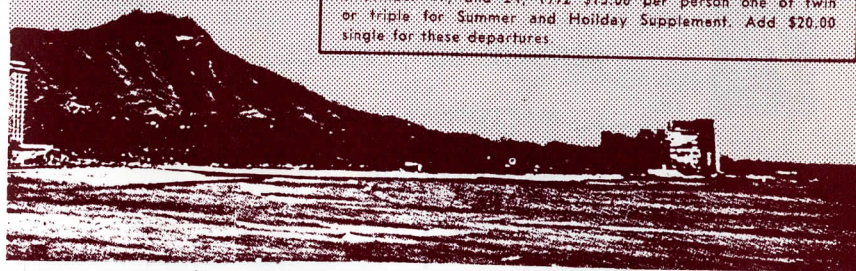
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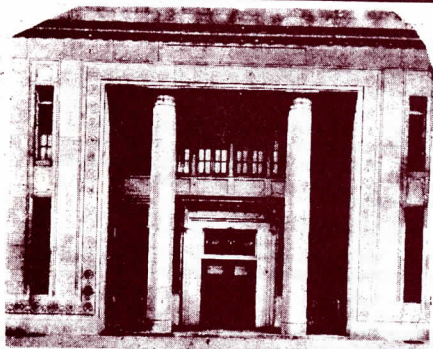
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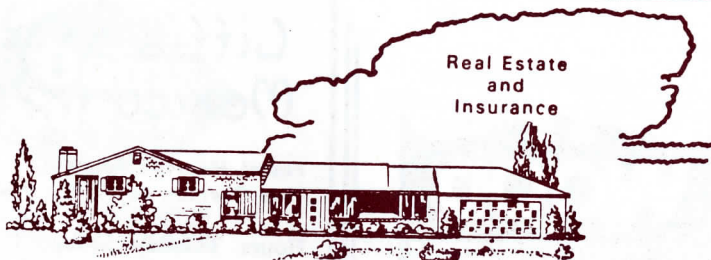


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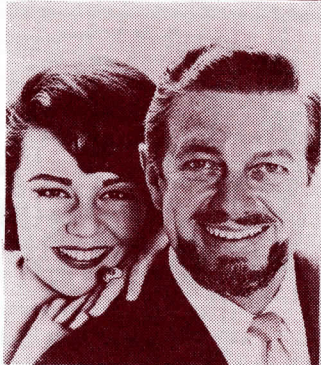
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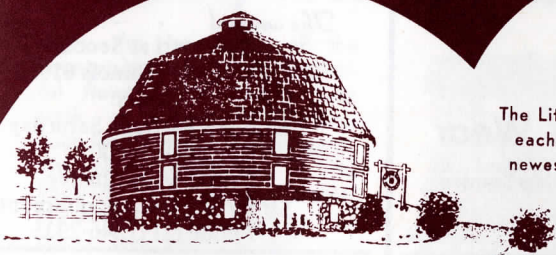
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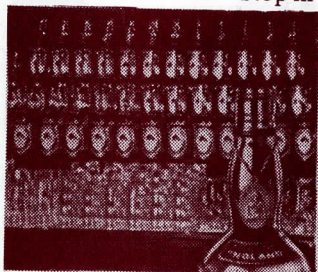
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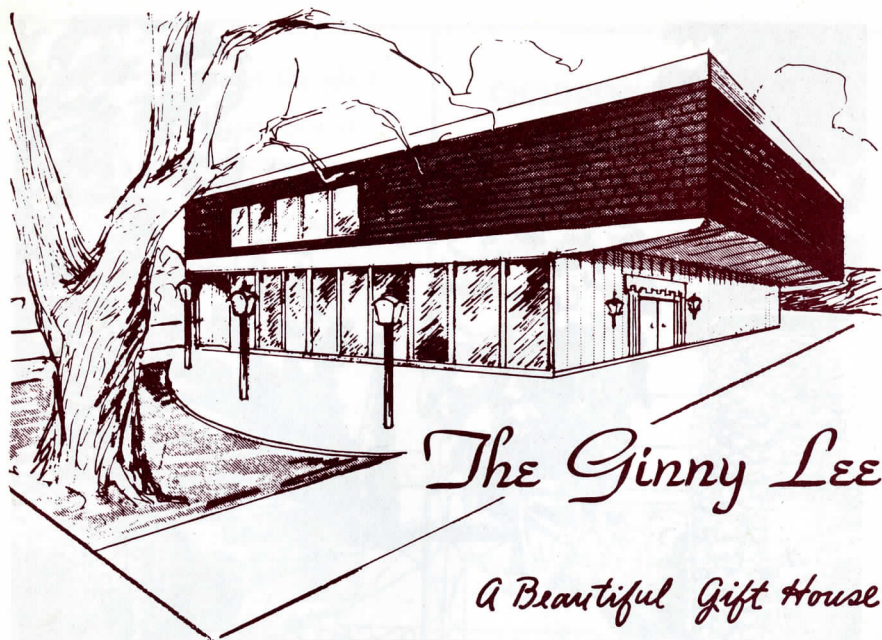
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Who's Who in the Cast

LESLEY WARREN (Irma La Douce, A Poule) is a rare combination of multi-talents who first came into national fame as the beguiling, innocent Cinderella of the Richard Rodgers - Oscar Hammerstein television special. Her portrayal of Galatea, the statue brought to life by the sculptor, Pygmalion, in the ribald play, *Metamorphosis* at Los Angeles Music Center showed her to the public as a seethingly sensual actress.

As a young child, Miss Warren was always interested in theatre and studied singing and dancing for years. Although the teachers at her high school's performing arts department were not enthusiastic about accepting her, at the age of fourteen, she won the ingenue lead in the National Company of *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Her parents, however, would not allow her to accept because of her youth. A short time later, she won out over 300 other girls for the second female lead in the hit musical, *110 In The Shade*. While appearing in this production, Richard Rodgers selected her as the perfect Cinderella and the critics concurred after seeing the musical televised for the first time. *Cinderella* has now become a TV perennial favorite.

Playing heavy drama opposite John Payne in the play, *A Sign Of Affection* and with Elliott Gould in the musical, *Drat, The Cat* brought personal rave reviews. In addition to her regular role on TV shows including *Gunsmoke*, *Dr. Kildare*, *Merv Griffin*, *Don Knotts*, *Carol Burnett*, *Mike Douglas*, *Mod Squad*, *LoveAmerican Style*, and *Jackie Gleason*. Walt Disney took an interest in her also and cast her in his hit musicals, *The Happiest Millionaire* and *The One And Only, Genuine Family Band*. Some of her movies for television are *Seven In Darkness*, *Love, Hate, Love and Assignment: Munich*. Miss Warren next will be appearing around the country in the musical version of *Gone With The Wind* as Scarlett O'Hara.

Miss Warren and her husband, owner of a chain of hair salons and clothing shops, live in Malibu, California with their son, Christopher.

ED EVANKO (Nestor-Le-Fripe, a Law Student) was an instant hit with Sullivan audiences in his first role as Johann Strauss, Jr. in the 1971 production of *The Great Waltz* and in last season's role of Bobby in *Company*. The Canadian-born actor made a spectacular Broadway debut opposite Sandy Duncan in *Canterbury Tales* and won a Theatre World Award for his performance. New York appearances include *Leaves Of Grass* and *Love Me, Love My Children*. Mr. Evanko is well known on his native CBC TV network. BBC in England and ITV in Wales for his appearances in variety and dramatic shows. Some of his stock theatre performances in this country include both *Mame* and *Forty Carats* with Janis Paige, *Meet Me In St. Louis* with Jane Powell, *Damn Yankees* with Van Johnson, *Plain And Fancy* with Margaret Whiting, *The King And I* with Darren McGavin and *Cyrano De Bergerac* with Tom Poston. Since leaving Sullivan last season, he was featured in a musical revue, *Jump For Joy* at Pheasant Run Playhouse in St. Charles, Illinois, made a pilot for the CTN network in Canada and appeared on numerous other TV shows for CBC-TV, Canada. Later this season, Mr. Evanko will co-star with Ann Blyth and Earl Wrightson in *South Pacific* and with Lucie Arnaz in *Once Upon A Mattress* for the Kenley Theatres in Ohio.

BOB MOAK (Bob-Le-Hotu, Proprietor of the Bar-Des-Inquiets) made his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square during the 1971-72 Christmas-New Year holiday season with Lyle Waggoner in *Boeing-Boeing* and has returned to enthusiastic audiences to be featured in *There's A Girl In My Soup* with Van Johnson, *The Mousetrap* with Noel Harrison, *13 Rue de L'Amour* with Rosemary Prinz and Tom Poston, *Under Papa's Picture* with Eve Arden and as Ben Franklin in *1776* with Bill Hayes. This season, he has received unanimous rave reviews for his performances in *Here Lies Jeremy Troy* with George Maharis and *Charley's Aunt* with Dick Sargent.

Mr. Moak has been an actor-director at the Cleveland Playhouse for over a decade and a featured actor for both the Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City, Michigan for sixteen seasons and the Kenley Players in Ohio.

FLOYD KING (Roberto-Les-Diams, a Mee) has made an enormous hit with Sullivan audiences and critics alike as Cornelius in *Hello Dolly!*, Motel in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Herman in *The Most Happy Fella*, Marrying Sam in *Li'l Abner*, in 1776 as Richard Henry Lee, Monsignor Ryan in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, as Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Mr. Dobitch in *Promises, Promises*, Harry in *Company* and Charley Wykeham in this season's *Charley's Aunt*. Mr. King has toured in the national companies of *Half A Sixpence* and *Walking Happy* and is a familiar figure in off-Broadway productions, major TV shows and stock theatres.

Since leaving Sullivan last season, Mr. King has had a busy winter (with the exception of a 3 weeks hiatus) appearing in leading theatres throughout the country.

JOHN KELSO (Police Inspector) returns to The Little Theatre-On The Square for his twelfth season after a stint at a Texas dinner theatre where he directed Andy Devine in *Never Too Late* and Abby Dalton in *Mary, Mary*, winning rave reviews for both his acting and directing. Last season, John delighted Sullivan audiences as Barney in *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* with Rosemary Prinz, Sir Evelyn in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Dr. Dreyfuss in *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer and in a variety of other roles in other musicals. He also directed Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien in *Paris Is Out*, the 38th production he has staged here. This season, he played the part of Col. Sir Francis Chesney in *Charley's Aunt*. Mr. Kelso has appeared in theatres from Maryland to Montana, playing well over 100 roles with as many stars in the past 12 years. Sullivan area reviewers long ago dubbed him a "Sullivan Favorite".

HARMON DRESNER (Persil-Le-Noir, a Mee) will be remembered for playing the title role in the Sullivan production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, a role which he repeated at the Forum Theatre in Chicago. Most recently, Mr. Dresner has appeared in *A Funny Thing Happened On They Way To The Forum*, as Motel in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Norman in *The Star Spangled Girl* and Garsin in *Norman Is That You?* He has appeared with many top stars including Bill Bixby, Hans Conreid, Kay Ballard and Rose Marie.

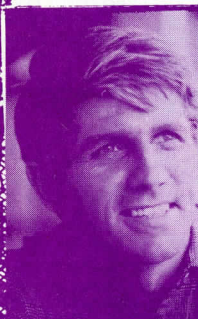
JAMES PAUL (Polyte-Le-Mou, a Mee) was the "gavel-pounding" John Hancock in last season's musical, *1776*, starring Bill Hayes at The Little Theatre-On The Square and the part of Brasset in this season's *Charley's Aunt*. Since leaving Sullivan, he has appeared at the St. Louis Municipal Opera in *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs* which was supervised, choreographed and costumed by the Walt Disney Studios, *Anything Goes* with Ann Miller, *The Student Prince* with Hans Conreid and *The Sound Of Music* with Jane Powell and Joseph Campanella. Then he turned to directing a production of *Mame*. This spring, he portrayed the part of Roy in *The Odd Couple* for the new Barn Dinner Theatre in St. Louis. Each winter Mr. Paul teaches dramatics at a private girl's school in St. Louis.

PAUL LATCHAW (Frangipane, a Mee) first appeared in Sullivan last season in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* with Barbara Rush and later in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, *Fiddler On The Roof* with Shelley Berman and *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer. Since leaving Sullivan, he has been in New York where he appeared Off-Broadway in: *Yoshe Kalb* with David Opatashu, in Cole Porter's *Out Of This World*, *Dames At Sea* with Bernadette Peters and also did the film lead in *The Plunge*, still unreleased.

STEVE VUJOVIC (Jojo-Yeux-Sales, a Mee) debuts in Sullivan although he is well-known as a soloist singer with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra and the Indiana University Singers. Stage credits include *Brigadoon*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Oliver!*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Carousel* and *Mame*.

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